



**All Saints Sunday**

November 3, 2024

8:00 & 10:30 AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Henrik Sonntag, Pastor  
120 N. Easton Road, Glenside, PA  
215-884-3005

# GATHERING

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## THE PRELUDE

*Chorale Prelude on "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" (Land of Rest)*

Dale Wood

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen. OR**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

# OPENING HYMN

## No. 422 For All the Saints Verses 1, 2, 3, & 7

Sine Nomine

### For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for-ress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.*  
6 But then there breaks a yet more glo-rious day; the  
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast,



thee Lord, by their faith be-fore the world con-fessed, thy  
their cap-tain in the well-fought fight; . . .  
saints tri-um-phant rise in bright ar-ray; the  
gates of pearl streams in the count-less host, . . .



name, O thou, in the Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.  
dark-ness drear, their one true light.  
King of glo-ry pass-es on his way.  
sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest com-mu-nion, fel-low-ship di-vine,  
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long,  
5 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west;



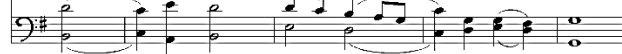
we fee-bly strug-gle, they in glo-ry shine; yet  
steals on the car the dis-tant tri-umph song, and  
soon, soon to the faith-ful ser-vants com-eth rest; . . .



all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
hearts are the brave a-gain and arms are strong.  
sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the blest.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958  
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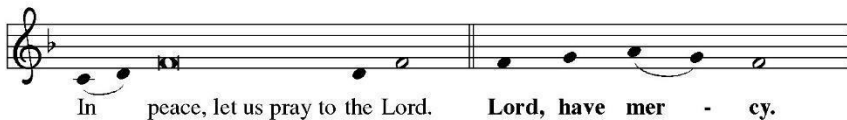
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# GREETING

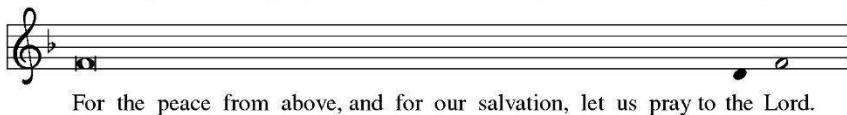
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

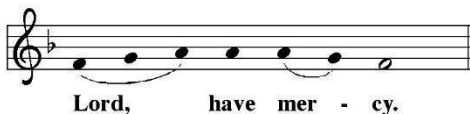
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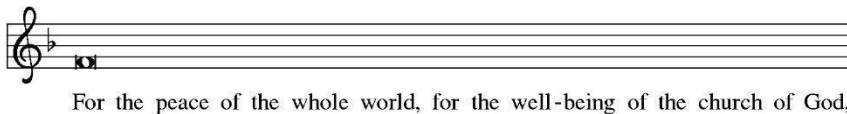
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



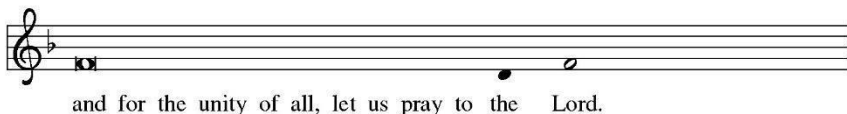
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



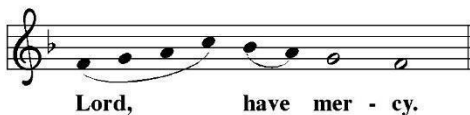
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



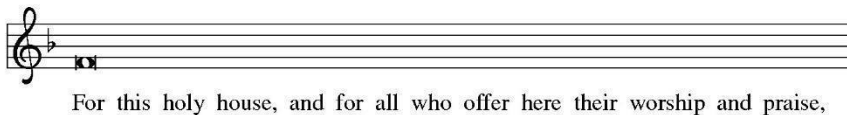
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



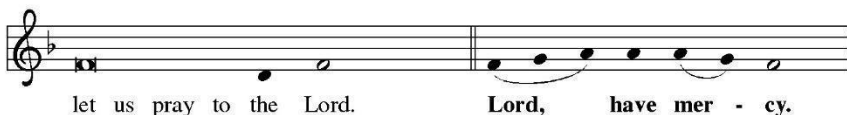
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



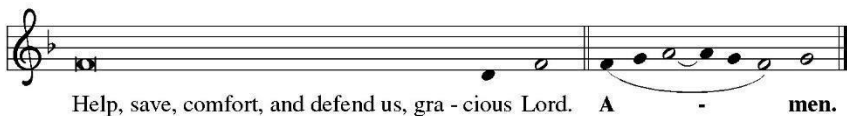
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## THE WORD

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### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM

*The Lord is My Shepherd*

Psalm 23

Michael John Trotta

The Chancel Choir

# THE SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

<sup>1</sup> I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6a</sup> Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

# THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON IN SONG

*Light Shines in the Darkness (1-2, 4-7)*

Michael John Trotta

The Chancel Choir

Cathy Mazza – piano  
Alberta Douglas – Violin 1  
Giorgi Vartanova – Violin 2  
Kyran Littlejohn, Jr. – Viola  
Ezgi Yargici – Cello

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

No. 628 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

*Land of Rest*



# Jerusalem, My Happy Home

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?  
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!  
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;  
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;  
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see

When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.  
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.  
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.  
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.

Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional; arr. hymnal version

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SAINTS

Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love, especially:

Young Bai	Nancy Hadley	Charles Miller
Diana Barnhart	William Hall	Steven Putnam
Daisy Beck	Helen Harrington	James Riegert
Don Brown	Sean Hopkins	(pronounced
Herbert Craft	Allain Hunsiker	Reegert)
Kathy Crawford	David Huff	Doris Rohr
Donna Cunnane	Ruth Kirrstetter	Mary Scarlett
Dr. Steven Deets	Rev. Dr. Wolf Knappe	Christopher Smith
Karen Delaney	Richard Kosempel	Bill Volz
Phillip Downum	Jeanne Lewis	Jack Walters
Pr. William Erat	John Lindberg, Jr,	Lorraine Wierzbicki
Jill Hadley	Noel Lukens	

*(After each name is read a candle is lit and the bell tolls.)*

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**  
*All greet each other with Christ's gesture of peace  
saying "Peace be with you."*

*Please be seated*

## MEAL

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### OFFERING

*Meditation on "Shall We Gather at the River?"*

Dale Wood

*Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERTORY No. 692 We Are an Offering

*Offering*

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
 offer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
 lives, they are yours: we are an offer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
 all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
 We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
 we are an offer-ing, we are an offer-ing.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER Concludes with...**Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# THE COMMUNION

## “Lamb of God”

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

No. 423 Shall We Gather At the River

*Hanson Place*

# Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

THE COMMUNION BLESSING Concludes with... **Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE  
Now Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace

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Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER  
Concludes with **Amen.**



# SENDING

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BENEDICTION

*Deep Peace*

Michael John Trotta

The Chancel Choir

THE BLESSING

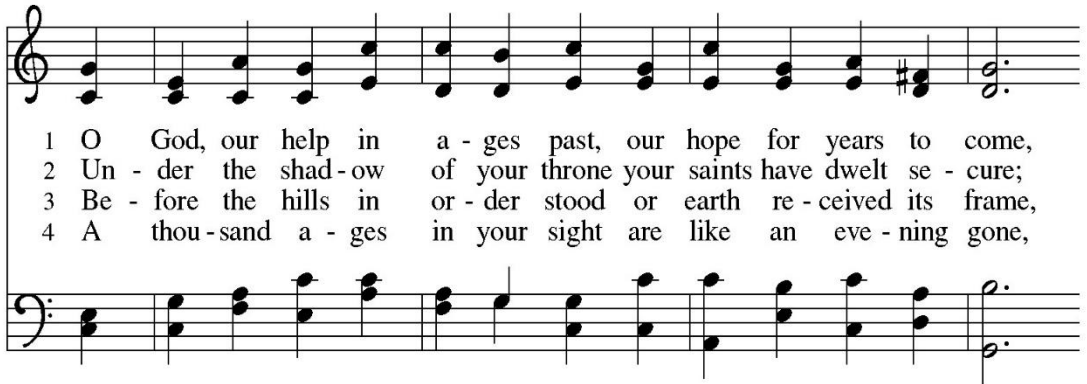
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THE SENDING HYMN

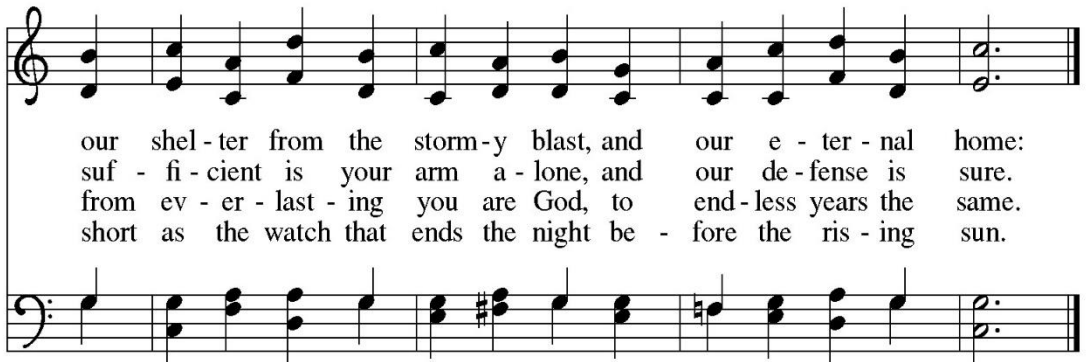
No. 632 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*St. Anne*

# O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

*Please be seated for the announcements.*

## PARISH NOTICES AND JOYS

Sending: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### THE POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "For All the Saints" (Sine Nomine)*

Aaron David Miller

### THE CHANCEL CHOIR

#### **Sopranos:**

Betsy Berglund  
Susan Duffy  
AnnaLisa Mariani  
Pam McDowell  
Laura Mitchell  
Violet Moyer  
Julie Sullivan

#### **Altos:**

Cyndee Folk  
Pat Lackman  
Celia O'Leary  
Laurie Pellicore  
Misty Wagner

#### **Tenors:**

Paul Anderson  
Geoff Bolinski  
Michael Harrington

#### **Basses:**

Peter Gkonos  
Bob McMillan  
Will Ritter  
Benjamin Sonntag  
Steve Sheehan  
Harry VanPelt

# LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

translations and adaptations by the composer

## 1. Do Not Stand At My Grave and Weep

Do not stand at my grave and weep  
I am not there; I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sun on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft star that shines at night. Do  
not stand at my grave and cry.  
I am not there; I did not die.

- Elizabeth Frye

## 2. I Seek a Faith

The grass has dried up, and the flower has fallen.  
For the Spirit of the Lord has blown over it.  
Truly, the people are like grass.  
The grass has dried up, and the flower has fallen.

Therefore I seek the faith that sets it right  
Amid the lilies and the candlelight.  
I think on Heaven, for in that air so clear  
We may meet, once confused and parted here.

- Isaiah 40:7 Vachel Lindsay

## 3. The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.  
Brings me to green pastures.  
Beside still waters.  
He refreshes my soul.  
He renews my life, and by such grace,  
He leads me.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me.  
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me;  
As You prepare a table  
in the presence of my enemies:  
You have anointed my head.  
My cup overflows.  
Goodness and kindness will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever and ever.

- Psalm 23

## 4. A Light Shines in the Darkness

The light shines in the darkness,  
the darkness has not overcome it.  
You will never walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.  
Arise, shine; for thy light is come,  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.  
- John 1:5, 8:13 & Isaiah 60:1

## 5. Death Shall Be No More

Say not in grief that life is no more  
but say in thankfulness that life was.  
A death is not the extinguishing of a light,  
but the putting out of the lamp  
because the dawn has come.  
One short sleep past, we wake eternally  
And death shall be no more.

Rabindranath Tagore and John Donne

## 6. I Saw A New Heaven

I saw a new heaven and a new earth,  
for the first heaven and the first earth  
had passed away.  
God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;  
And death shall be no more. - Revelation 21:1, 4

## 7. Love Conquers All

Love conquers all, even death itself;  
let us to surrender to love.

Behold love shall  
bless us,  
console us,  
and dry our tears,  
until we meet again.

- Virgil and Traditional

## 8. Gaelic Blessing (Deep Peace)

Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
Deep peace of the sleeping stones to you!

In the name of the Three who are One  
By the will of the King of All.

- Fiona Macleod